GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURING OF IMPORTED COACHES IN IRCF
MINATI SEN;SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IRCF and other Indian Factories are incapable to manufacture imported Railway Coaches indigenously; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have decided to import coaches from the Foreign Country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Integral Coach Factory, Chennai and other Indian coach factories have so far been manufacturing coaches to the technology imported in the 1950s. Though this technology has been progressively improved to higher speeds and better riding characteristics, it has been stretched to the limit. A quantum jump in technology was necessary to increase the speed of trains and run longer trains with improved safety. Indian Railway, therefore, entered into a transfer of technology contract with M/s ALSTOM LHB of Germany for building latest technology coaches in India. The firm has also supplied 24 coaches to this technology. The manufacture of these new design of coaches has already commenced at Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala.

(b): No, Sir. there is no decision to further import coaches from any foreign country.